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I know a poet who with some regularity  
sent his poems to God, not all of them,  
but only his best, as he thought.  
These he wrote out carefully,  
on decent paper, in longhand,  
for he thought this more fitting  
when addressing the Supreme Being.  
He never heard from Him, and only much later  
realized that he had forgotten to include  
self-addressed envelopes with return postage.

When the poet finally got to heaven,  
God said to him:

"Our data indicates that you ticked off  
poetry as being your special interest.

Did you? I mean, is it?"

Said the poet: "Indeed."

"Now, isn't that nice," said God, "because here  
(indicating a corner of his spacious office)  
we have a pile of poems people keep sending us,  
and which you might enjoy reading.

In fact, while you're at it,  
you might also write up a little form letter  
to send to poets, thanking them.

You know, the usual stuff, but polite."

So the poet set to work  
and soon produced the following note:

"Dear Sir / Madame,  
we have received your poems and appreciate  
your thoughtfulness in letting us see them.

We regret that our programme does not,  
at present, allow for their inclusion.

What's more, we are not really

in the publishing business.

Sincerely yours, God.

P.S. We cannot assume responsibility

for unsolicited manuscripts

and cannot return them

unless they are accompanied

by a self-addressed and stamped envelope."

→ with best regards,  
Erwin Rennert



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